

I am against FCC NPRM 02-230. I feel that I am already paying for (and thus own the rights to) the content sent over the airwaves and received for my personal use by the electronic equipment in my home. It is sold to me via the form of advertising or by subscription which I pay my cable or satellite provider. I want to retain my fair rights use of that broadcast to record/time shift for my future use.

The mission of the FCC is to regulate communications via radio, television, wire, satellite and cable. Yet the proposed broadcast flag has no direct bearing on any of these forms of communication - it does not enable it, make it better, enhance it in any way.

The measure does affect the receiver of the communication and what happens next. The FCC need not become involved in the use of devices that record, edit, or replay these communications and extend the reach of its concerns into the private everyday lives of taxpayers and purchasers of electronic devices. The FCC has no business getting into Digital Restriction Management hardware devices.

I do not feel the FCC should even consider adopting a standard that serves no purpose other than securing of profit and market share of private companies in the public domain. I do not see how this supports the FCC's mission.

Yet passing this measure would make the FCC inextricably complicit.

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